

## **SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

**6457**

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### **Responsibility**

#### **All**

If a serious accident, near-miss incident, or shelter deployment occurs under any of the following circumstances, a Serious Accident Investigation Team will be assigned:

1. Accident involving a CAL FIRE employee or vehicle
2. Accident occurring on CAL FIRE property
3. Accident occurring on a CAL FIRE incident

The primary purposes of investigating serious accidents and near-miss incidents are to gather and distribute information which may be useful in preventing a reoccurrence; to detect design, procedural, training, and enforcement deficiencies; to detect and document departmental liabilities; and to comply with state and federal regulations. The Chief Deputy Director may exempt a serious accident or near-miss incident from investigation. See [Section 1716](#) of the CAL FIRE Health and Safety Handbook for policy.

For serious CAL FIRE accidents involving CDCR staff, offenders, or property, the CDCR Camps Liaison (Sacramento) or the office of the CDCR Associate Director Camps (male or female) will be contacted immediately and offered the opportunity to assign one or more employees to the investigation team. To prevent any possibility of a conflict of interest, personnel of either Department who were involved with the accident or the incident on which the accident occurred, are assigned to the unit or the camp in which the accident occurred, or have any supervisory responsibility for the operation, or anyone involved in the operation wherein the accident occurred are not to be assigned to the team.

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